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**Congressman Robin Hayes - 8<sup>th</sup> District, North Carolina**

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# **Congressman Robin Hayes Calls Lawsuit that Seeks to Eliminate Capitol Hill Chaplains Ridiculous**

*California, Anti-Pledge Lawyer has Now Filed a New Lawsuit  
to  
Prohibit House and Senate from Employing Chaplains*

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Congressman Robin Hayes (NC-8) today called the efforts of a California lawyer who is seeking to prohibit the U.S. Congress from employing chaplains ridiculous and said the courts should throw this suit out. Atheist lawyer Michael Newdow, who filed the lawsuit that resulted in the Pledge of Allegiance being ruled unconstitutional in June, has now filed a new lawsuit, this time seeking a ruling that it is unconstitutional for the House and Senate to employ Chaplains.

**“As we approach the one year anniversary of September 11, we’re starting to read more and more stories about how people’s lives changed on that terrible day,”** said Hayes. **“Reading these heroic accounts, I can’t help but notice how often people cite the important role that their religious faith played in their lives that day.**

**“The House and Senate Chaplains play an important role on Capitol Hill. Whether this lawyer wants to admit it or not, we are a nation founded on a deep and abiding faith in God. This lawsuit is ridiculous and I hope that this court will show more common sense than the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit did back in June.**

**“There is nothing unconstitutional about the U.S. Congress employing Chaplains and I believe our nation benefits from strong spiritual guidance.”**

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